



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	Budget Committee
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion prop. :	11779/11 FIN 429 - COM(2011) 373 final
Subject:	Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument

1. On 17 June 2011, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument.
2. During the meeting of the Conciliation Committee on 18/19 November 2011, the European Parliament and the Council reached an agreement on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to complement in 2012 the financing of the "Europe 2020" Strategy, for an amount of EUR 50 million beyond the ceiling of sub-heading 1a, and the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy, for an amount of EUR 150 million beyond the ceiling of heading 4.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to advise the Council to adopt the text of the decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument, according to Point 27, fifth paragraph, of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006, as set out in the ANNEX.

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on the Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management¹, and in particular the fifth paragraph of Point 27 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission²,

Whereas, after having examined all possibilities for re-allocating appropriations under sub-heading 1a and heading 4, the two arms of the budgetary authority agreed to mobilise the Flexibility Instrument to complement the financing in the 2012 budget, beyond the ceiling of sub-heading 1a, of EUR 50 million towards the financing of the "Europe 2020" Strategy, and beyond the ceiling of heading 4, of EUR 150 million towards the financing of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012 (hereinafter "the 2012 budget"), the Flexibility Instrument shall be used to provide the sum of EUR 50 million in commitment appropriations in sub-heading 1a and EUR 150 million in commitment appropriations in heading 4.

¹ OJ C 139, 14.06.2006, p. 1.

² OJ [...].

That amount shall be used to complement the financing of:

- EUR 50 000 000 for the "Europe 2020" Strategy under sub-heading 1a;
- EUR 150 000 000 for the European Neighbourhood Policy under heading 4.

Article 2

This decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President
